VII. *Exclusive Test for promotions of SC/ST candidate^*

Speciaj promotion test are also conducted for ST|SC candidates wherever considered neeessary.

Introduction of Zero.Based Budgeting io all the Departments

16.16. SHRl KAPIL VERMA: Will file Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose tc* introduce zero-based budgeting in all departments in 1986-87 and complete the implementation in 1987-88;

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme ?nd what are its exact implication and wha/ ars the reason$_s$ for introducing it; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government of curb spending and what will be the saving by the proposed five per cent cut in non-plan expenditure

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (.SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Tbe need for the Central Government Depaiirrents to adopt zero-based budgeting has been recognised in principle. This requires identification ^{an}d charpening o£ objectives" examination of various alternatives of performing identified task, cost-benefit analyses, prioritisation of objectives and act'vities. identification and elimination of redundant activities and designing and ranking decision packages. Zero based budgeting has been introduced in the Coun;:l of Scientific and Industrial Researcc ?nd the coverage may^fater be extended to other scientific departments in due course with suitable modifies tions. It i$_s$ proposed to commence zero based budgeting in the Central Government from 1986-87 to b$_e$ effective from the Budget for 1987-88.

(c) Measures are taken on continuous basis 10 curb non-essential and ri3rH>roductive expenditure. In recent times, Governmen: issued orders banning creation of postsjfiliing up of vacancies except in the most exceptional circumstances. Efforts are made through work measurement studies to identify and locate surplus staff and prevent creation of avoidable posts. Measure,*, have also been taken to curb office expenditure like those on telephones staff cars, consumption of petrol, etc.

A Working Group under the chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary has been set up to review all on-going activities and organisations and to discontinue those which have I:st their utility.

Instructions have also been issued to various Ministries/Departments to effect a minimum 5 per cent reduction in their total non-plan provision for 1985-86. The amount of savings likely to arise from the above exercise will be incorporated in the Revised estimates for the current year to be presented alongwith the budget for 1996-87.

16>7. *[Transferred to the llth December,* 1985.]

News-Item Captioned "Poor Quality Services Mar India's Image"

169S. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Poo$_r$ Quality services mar India's image" which appeared in the *Eccmomiz Times* of 16th September, 1985;

(b) if so, what Government's reaction. thereto ; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to improve India's image i$_n$ this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN), (a) Yes, Sir.

(b^ and (c) Continuous attention >» being paid to tfie quality of products ex-